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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. It is not my purpose to defend the possible offenders. I only wanted that the Government should bring in proper legislation immediatly so that justice might seem to be done."

Re-opening of the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur, Malabar.

* 44 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to take steps for re-opening the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when the factory will be opened and re-start working?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the Central Government have granted a loan of one lakh of rupees to the factory for re-starting work and if so, will this Government also be pleased to grant a loan to the factory to re-start work and avoid unemployment to so many workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this Government are of the view that it is not possible to grant any further financial assistance to the industry. I am not aware of any decision of the Government of India in the matter and if the Government of India have decided as stated by the hon. Member, we shall look into the matter further and see what this Government can do."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, this factory has been closed for a long time at the instance of the Government; because loans have not been paid, they have not proceeded further; steel and iron materials and tools worth some lakhs are becoming deteriorated with the possibility of additional loss to the company. Will the Government see that these materials are sold and the company liquidated or will they proceed logically and take the necessary steps and not allow further deterioration? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I agree that these materials are getting deteriorated on account of their being kept idle. But this Government had no other alternative and they had been negotiating with so many other people and managements. They have been unable to revive the industry and so they decided to close it and bring the materials to public auction. In the meanwhile, if the Government of India had taken decision as stated by the hon. Member, this Government will look into the matter."